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FOR NEA/ARN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, LE  
SUBJECT: AID BUDGET SUBMISSION MEETING ON LEBANON

REF: STATE 170769

1. AID REP IRVIN, MOLINEAUX, YESSIN AND I HAD LONG DISCUSSION  
YESTERDAY MORNING ABOUT FY 1979 AID PROGRAM. WE SEARCHED FOR  
RATIONAL PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES, BUT FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE, GIVEN  
UNCERTAINTIES, TO PREDICT LEBANESE NEEDS THAT MIGHT LEND  
THEMSELVES TO U.S. ASSISTANCE IN FY 1979 ALONG LINES  
SUGGESTED BY AID TEAM. IN PARTICULAR, WE FOUND TASK DIFFICULT  
UNDER GUN OF PRESENT BUDGET SUBMISSION SCHEDULE BECAUSE 1978  
PRIORITIES ARE STILL BEING FORMULATED WITH GOL.

2. ON OTHER HAND, WE BELIEVE GOL WILL STILL NEED OUR HELP IN  
FY 79 AND IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO HAVE AID PROGRAM AS  
SIGN OF CONTINUED SUPPORT, INTEREST AND ENCOURAGEMENT. IF  
EVENTS A YEAR FROM NOW SHOULD JUSTIFY GOING AHEAD, WE WOULD  
BE PREPARED. IF EVENTS SHOW THE CONTRARY, THE PROGRAM  
COULD BE DROPPED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS.  
WE FATHER FROM THE AID TEAM THAT SUCH A CONTINGENCY  
APPROACH UNLIKELY TO FLY -- AND REFTEL CONFIRMS THIS.  
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3. THE ONLY COMPELLING POLITICAL RATIONALE FOR  
JUSTIFYING PROGRAM BEYOND FY 1978 IS THE VERY  
UNPREDICTABILITY OF THE POLITICAL FLUX IN WHICH LEBANON  
CURRENTLY FINDS ITSELF. WE MAY HAVE A MORE PERSUASIVE  
RATIONALE IN NINE MONTHS, BUT NOT AT THIS POINT. ANY  
THOUGHTS, ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE YOU HAVE ON CONTINGENCY

SUGGESTION WOULD BE HELPFUL.  
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